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(2) a plurality of jaws operatively associated with said body, said jaws being adapted to engage a tool to be utilized by the driver;

(3) the rear section of said body including serrations extending outwardly therefrom; and

(4) a sleeve member pressed onto said serrations whereby said serrations dig into said sleeve to at least assist in rotationally securing said sleeve to said body.

REMARKS

As required in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the specification has been amended to include a statement listing all parent applications to the present application. Applicant also includes a petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) indicating that the delay in inserting a reference to the prior applications was unintentional.

The disclosure was objected to as set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Applicant has deleted the sub-paragraph at page 4, lines 19-21 of the specification and has inserted therefore separate sub-paragraphs listing each of Figures 5A-5G, as required.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Applicant does not enclose a marked-up version of these amendments to the specification in that they comprise only deletion of a paragraph and insertion of new paragraphs.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for double patenting, in view of U.S. Patent 6,296,257, as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action. Applicant has amended claim 1 and submits that the double patenting rejection has been overcome. As amended, claim 1 is of the form of originally-filed claim 1 in application 09/570,427 (U.S. Patent 6,296,257).

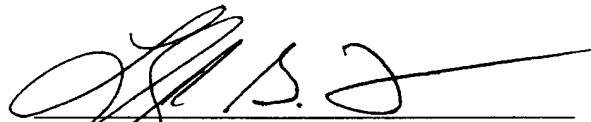
As maintained by Applicant in the interview of February 1, 2001, and the amendment of April 9, 2001, in the '427 application, this claim is supported by the specification.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made." Since there is only one claim pending in the application, the amended claim above is itself a complete listing of the claims remaining in this application, and Applicant therefore does not include a separate list.

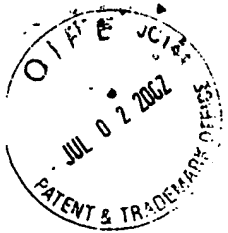
Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action, including withdrawal of the present objections and rejections, is therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Amended) A chuck for a manual or powered driver having a rotatable drive shaft, said chuck including:

(1) a body, said body including a front section and a rear section;

(2) a plurality of jaws operatively associated with said body, said jaws being adapted to engage a tool to be utilized by the driver;

(3) the rear section of said body including [an annular thrust ring and] serrations extending outwardly therefrom; and

(4) a sleeve member pressed onto said serrations whereby said serrations dig into said sleeve to at least assist in rotationally securing said sleeve to said body.

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